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States. In connection with a General Agency
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Washington House.

CROSVENOR REED, Attorney and Counsel-
or at Law. All business entrusted to me will be
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dence, Charleston Landing, Ottawa Co., Mich.

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New Wholesale and Retail Bookstore,
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Paper Hangings, etc., supplied on the most reason-
able terms.
J. TERRINE, Jr.

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and Groceries. Water st., Grand Haven, Mich.

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Dealers in all kinds of Merchandise, Provisions,
Shingle-Bolts, and Shingles. White Lake, Ocea-
na Co., Mich.

FOSTER & PARRY, Wholesale and Retail
Dealers in Hard and Hollow-Ware, Iron, and
Manufacturers of Tin and Sheet-Iron Ware, foot
of Monroe street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

STONE & CHUBB, Manufacturers of Plows,
Cultivators, and Grain Cradles, and dealers in
all kinds of Agricultural Implements, and Ma-
chines. Agricultural Warehouse, Canal street,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

R. J. COLLINS, Physician and Surgeon, Mill
Point, Ottawa Co., Mich. Rooms at L. M. S.
Smith's Drug Store.

STEPHEN MONROE, Physician and Sur-
geon. Office over J. T. Davis' Tailor Shop—
Washington street.

FERRY & SONS, Forwarding and Commis-
sion Merchants. Central Dock, Grand Haven,
Mich.

JOHN T. DAVIS, Merchant Tailor. Shop on
Washington street, second door west of H. Grif-
fin's store.

HOPKINS & BROTHERS, Storage, Forward-
ing and Commission Merchants; general dealers
in all kinds of Dry Goods, Groceries, Grain and
Provisions; manufacturers and dealers whole-
sale and retail in all kinds of lumber. Mill
Point, Mich.

C. DAVIS & CO., Dealers in Dry Goods, Groce-
ries, Provisions, Hardware, Crocker, Boots and
Shoes, &c. Muskegon, Mich.

WASHINGTON HOUSE, By Henry Pennoyer.
The proprietor has the past spring newly
fitted and partly re-furnished this House, and
feels confident visitors will find the House to
compare favorably with the best in the State.

HENRY GRIFFIN, Commission Merchant and
General Agent, Dealer in Salt, Flour, Dry and
Green Fruits, Provisions, Family Groceries,
Drugs, Medicines, Perfumery, &c., &c., at his old
stand opposite the Washington House, Grand
Haven, Michigan.

A. B. BIDWELL & SON, Confectionery and
Bakery, Grand Rapids, Mich. C. B. Albee agent
for Grand Haven and vicinity.

CORN SHELLERS, Various Kinds, at
S. & C's. Ag'l. Warehouse.

PORTABLE HAY PRESSES (Vertical and Hor-
izontal) for sale at
S. & C's. Ag'l. Warehouse.

STRAW, Hay and Cornstalk Cutters at
S. & C's. Ag'l. Warehouse.

TIME!!

CLOCKS of all kinds, for sale cheap by
H. C. & W.

PAINTS.—100 Kegs Pure Buffalo, No. 1 White
Lead, in oil, dry White and Red Lead, and
Permanent Paris Green, in oil, at
GRIFFIN'S Drugstore.

MORE SPIRITUALISM.

A new monthly journal, called the *North
Western Orient*, and devoted to Spiritualism,
and published at Waukegan, Wisconsin, has
the following in its December number, con-
cerning G. W. GREEN, the Banker, and mur-
derer of his wife:

We have frequent visits from G. W. Green
who was lately convicted of murder, and
afterwards committed suicide. He comes
furious with passion, with curses and foul
profanity. He forcibly takes possession of
the medium, who would gladly avoid his
influence, but cannot always repulse him.—
The last interview had with this person was
as follows:

"Well, here I am. I am Geo. W. Green.
By—, the only pleasure I have is to both-
er you at these circles. I know you don't
want me; come now, and put me out if you
can. Them Chicago lawyers! they robbed
me, I was rich, they made a poor man of me."
We uniformly treat him kindly, express our
desire to do him good, exhort him to moder-
ate his fury and entreat him to reform, and
assure him that his wretched condition can
be mitigated by a change in his deportment.
He answers:

"How can I come out? When I would
rise there are tons of weight dragging me
down. My crimes are not a few, nor are
they small. They are ever before me, as if
they were burned into my mind. I cannot
escape them. How can I forget them? im-
possible! O, I wish I were your dog—I
wish I were your dog."

In one instance he was desired to cease
his blasphemy—that he must treat the name
of Deity with reverence and the members of
the circle with respect. He said I am re-
spectful." It was answered you are not.—
"I'll do as I please." No, you won't, was
answered, and in the name of Deity was
commanded to desist. He tarried a few sec-
onds in silence, and took his departure.

His visits are frequent but uniformly short,
such cannot endure the accents of gentleness
and love. It is like fire upon their heads
while they remain perversely obdurate.—
Green is usually somewhat softened by our
gentleness, yet he exhibits no tokens of peni-
tence.

Mrs. Green, his murdered wife, occasion-
ally presents herself to declare the wrongs she
endured and expressing the afflictions of her
children because of the popular prejudice
against them arising from the crimes of their
father. She is yet grossly selfish. When
she is entreated to go to her husband and
forgive him his many wrongs, she is dumb,
neither assenting nor dissenting. She re-
lates circumstantially the incidents attending
her murder, as follows:

"I was sick and suffering from diarrhoea.
He came home in the evening, at first some-
what cross as usual. I was in great pain and
wanted a physician. He at once became
very kind, and said he would give me some
medicine that would relieve me. He brought
me something which soon after being taken
convinced me that he had administered strychnine.
I dared not avow it, but asked that
some of the neighbors might be called to
watch with me through the night. This re-
quest he parried by saying, 'you will soon
be better. Be patient, you will soon be re-
lieved. He sat up with me, and feeling dis-
appointed in the effects of the poison, he of-
fered more, which was refused. He then
jumped upon the bed, placed his knees upon
my arms, seized me by the throat, and con-
tinued his compression until death ensued."
She appears to feel deep solicitude for her
children, but no charity toward her persecu-
tor.

**HOW TO SECURE CHILDREN THAT WILL BE
KIND TO US WHEN WE BECOME OLD.**—We
would exhort all parents—if you regard the
welfare and happiness of your children, in
this world merely, then teach them benevo-
lence, and train them in habits of beneficence.
If you desire that they may be kind to you
when you are old, then strive to enlarge their
hearts. If they are taught to love their
neighbors as themselves, you may be sure
they can never be unkind to their own flesh.
but make them sordid, make them avaric-
ious, teach them to grieve over the loss of a
dime, and look grudgingly on every copper
they drop into the charity box, and you are
training them to begrudge all that you shall
eat and wear, and all the attentions you may
require when you become too old and feeble
to earn any more money for them. Train
them in penurious habits and you need not
be surprised if they are betrayed into acts of
meanness and littleness in trade. But edu-
cate them to be good stewards for God, and
they will learn to understand that God does
not need their services or their dimes so
much that he would have them do a wrong
thing for the sake of sacrificing or accumu-
lating for his cause.—*Foreign Missionary.*

The Congressional Medal for Commander
Ingraham is four and one sixteenth inches
in diameter, and the largest struck in the United
States—of greater dimensions than the cele-
brated Jefferson Medal, in 1806, which was
less than four inches. It is of fine gold and
weighs nearly twenty-seven ounces. Its in-
trinsic value is upwards of \$600.

PETRIFIED CHILD.—The *Albany Express*
says the body of a child which had been
buried about six years ago, in a private bury-
ing ground in this city, was taken up for in-
terment in the Rural Cemetery. The weight
of the coffin attracted attention, and on its
being opened the body was found to be petri-
fied. It was white, having the appearance
of a Plaster Paris cast, and perfect, except
the head, which had fallen in, and the body
was cracked across the center, leaving an
opening of about one quarter of an inch in
width. Upon slightly striking the body it
appeared to be hollow. It has been convey-
ed to the cemetery.

Upon this, the *Albany Evening Journal*
of Saturday, says:—

"The press of our city, for some days
past, has teemed with notices of the body of
a child supposed to be petrified. This child
died six years ago, and was buried in a clay
soil, at Cherry Hill. It was disinterred and
removed to the Cemetery ground a few
days since, when it was found as perfect in
form as when first buried. We dislike to
spoil a cleverly got up story, but we do not
look upon this as a matter of jesting, but
one rather of a serious reflection. The idea
that it is a petrified body, is a humbug of
the grossest character. The subject found
has been converted into adipocere, which is
a soft unctuous or waxy substance, of a light
brown color, into which the muscular fibers
of dead animal bodies are converted, by long
immersion in water or spirits, or by burial in
moist places under peculiar circumstances.
This substance was discovered by Fourcay,
in the burial ground of the *Church des In-
nocence*, when it was removed in 1787.—
Those desirous of examining more fully into
the subject, can do so by referring to the
Medical Repository and the Edinburgh Ency-
clopedia.

GEN. CASS AND THE PRESIDENCY.—Hav-
ing observed in the Washington correspon-
dence of one or two of the eastern papers
reference to a letter said to have been
written by Gen. Cass regarding the Presiden-
cy, we have obtained copies of the subjoined
correspondence and are permitted to lay it
before the public:

PHILADELPHIA, NOV. 5, 1855.

HON. LEWIS CASS.—Sir: As the time
is fast approaching when it will be necessary
for the democratic party to select delegates
to make their nominations for President and
Vice President, and inasmuch as we the un-
derigned, feel great interest in selecting the
proper candidates for President, and believ-
ing you to be the most competent and most
available candidate, and one we feel satisfied
the people would take pride in electing if
nominated; we therefore most respectfully
ask you for an answer, in reply to our note,
saying if you will confer a favor on your
friends and fellow citizens.

ANDREW J. WEBSTER, and others.

DETROIT, NOV. 23, 1855.
GENTLEMEN,—I have received your letter
asking me if I am a candidate for the office
of President of the United States, and ex-
pressing the gratification it would give you
to support me for that high station.

While thanking you for this manifestation
of your kindness and confidence, of which I
shall always preserve a grateful recollection,
I reply that I am not a candidate for the
Presidency, nor do I desire that my name
should be presented in connection with it to
the consideration of the democratic party of
the Union. I am, gentlemen, with regard,
Truly yours (Signed), LEWIS CASS.

ANDREW J. WEBSTER, Esq., and others,
Philadelphia.

LIVING IN WASHINGTON.—The *Cleveland
Plain Dealer* says:—"There is a rush for a
winter's residence in Washington, and the
consequence is an increase in the tariff for
living. The new House of Representatives
is composed mostly of new men, and these
new men have got ambitious wives and pret-
ty daughters which they must needs exhibit
at the Nation's Capitol. All very natural
and all very well, provided each member
takes the wherewith to pay for it, for his
eight dollars a day won't begin to do it.

"An M. C., the other day, in looking for
quarters, stepped into Willard's and accosted
the landlord thus: 'Sir, I want board
and lodgings for myself, wife, child and ser-
vant. My pay, you know is about \$240 a
month. I am perfectly willing that you
should take the whole of it, but don't bring
me in debt.'"

"This may sound like a jest, but it is so-
ber reality—a reality which many a mem-
ber has an experimental pocket knowledge of.
The rents of rooms, in desirable situations,
in many instances are ridiculously high; and
appear to be imposed with a view of depriv-
ing the unfortunate occupant of the ability
to make his expenses square with his receipts.
From \$15 to \$25 per month is the aver-
age price asked for the rent of a commodi-
ous bed-room. A handsomely furnished
parlor commands from \$20 to \$50 per month."

The French army, during the winter, wear
wooden-bottomed shoes. They being al-
ways dry, the result is, that the French army
is less afflicted with toothache and rheuma-
tism, than any army in the world.

WOMEN IN KANSAS.—The Constitution
framed by the recent Convention of the peo-
ple of Kansas, contains the following provi-
sions:

Resolved, That the General Assembly
shall have no power to pass any law where-
by the separate estate of a married woman
in property real, personal or mixed, shall ever
be made subject to the disposal of the hus-
band, or subject to the payment of the debts
of the husband in any manner unless by the
written consent of the wife, witnessed by at
least two witnesses to be named by the wife.
That the General Assembly shall have no
power to pass any law depriving the mother
of an equality with the father in the main-
tenance, education, and care of their children;
and in no case shall the mother be deprived
of her children except per account of insanity

WHAT IS FASHION?—The *Buffalo Daily
Republic* is "one of the papers," and doesn't
yield to any with which we are acquainted
in that important particular. Hear its philo-
sopher:—

What is fashion? Dinner at midnight,
and headache in the morning. What is Idleness?
Working yellow mountains on a pink
subsoil—or a blue tailed dog in sky colored
convulsions. What is joy? To count your
money and find it over-run one hundred dol-
lars. What is knowledge? To be away from
home when people come to borrow
books and umbrellas. What is contentment?
To sit in the house and see other people
stuck in the mud. In other words to be
better off than our neighbors.

**ARREST OF THE ROBBERS OF THE AMER-
ICAN EXPRESS.**—Oliver King and Warren C.
Ayers were arrested on the 14th inst., in
Lawrence, Mass. by Messrs. Ham and Savage,
Boston officers, charged with robbing the
American Express Company at the west of
\$50,000 in gold, the particulars of which
were published a few weeks since. The ac-
cused were arraigned in the Police Court on
the 15th, and committed for examination;
bail \$30,000. Ayers was recently a broker
in Boston, and King a hotel keeper in Low-
ell. Nothing has yet been made known of
the evidence against them. W. C. White,
Express manager, who had charge of the
money between Detroit and Chicago, when
it was stolen, is also under arrest, and cir-
cumstances very strongly implicate him with
them. A fourth person is also in custody,
who left the employ of the Company a short
time after the robbery. Officer Best, of Buf-
falo, was instrumental in bringing the mat-
ter to light.

GEN. CASS.—Of our worthy Senator and
veteran Statesman the correspondent of the
Philadelphia Ledger says: "Time lays his
hand kindly upon him. He never appeared
in finer health, and never walked with more
cheerful step. Every appearance indicates
that his useful life, dedicated to his country
will be prolonged for years to come." He is
greeted by all with that honor and respect
which his abilities, integrity and public ser-
vices justly award him. He is laboriously
employed in preparing for the active duties
which will devolve upon him as a leading
member of the Senate, and will participate
largely in the discussions which are about to
ensue in the Senate Chamber, upon the va-
rious subjects of public interest which now
agitate and divide the country."

SEEK BEAUTY IN THE WORLD.—The man
that sees no glory in the skies, no beauty in
the flower, no goodness in the grass, however
godly he may pretend to be, give us none of
him; he was born for treason and crime;
there is less hope of him, than the criminal
that tends his single plant in the lonely cell,
and as he waters it, night and morning,
dreams of his better day, his mother and his
home. And a woman—she is no woman
that does not love the rose bush and delight
in the Lilly. Let not the like of her be
mother of boys and girls. The world will
run to ruin with such a race.

HEAVY SUIT.—In the United States Cir-
cuit Court at Boston, a servant girl has
brought suit against the estate of a citizen of
Roxbury, Mass., for \$25,000 on a promissory
note, for that amount, which she produces,
and alleges was given her by the deceased
just before his death, in consideration of her
kindness and attention during his last ill-
ness. The Hon. Rufus Choate and E. R.
Hear are pitted against each other in this
legal battle.

SOURCE OF SMILES.—Dr. Franklin having
noticed that a certain mechanic, who worked
near his office was always happy and smiling,
ventured to ask him for the secret of his con-
stant cheerfulness. "No secret, doctor," he
replied, "I have got one of the best of wives
and when I go to work, she always has a
kind word of encouragement for me, and
when I go home she meets me with a smile
and kiss, and tea is sure to be ready, and she
does so many things through the day to
please me, that I cannot find it in my heart
to speak an unkind word to any body."

People never improve after marriage. The
girl that is insolent to her parents, will be very
apt to give "sass" to her husband.

The *Toledo Blade* tells the following story
of a traveler in Michigan, who put up at a
farmer's house, and pretended to be a cler-
gyman. After supper he went out with his
host to look after his horse. While gone,
the mother and daughters, with the pious
curiosity natural to all the daughters of Eve,
began to speculate upon the probable reli-
gious faith of their visitor. One thought
he was a Presbyterian; another, that he was
a Baptist; another that he was a Methodist.
At last, a sudden thought struck one of the
girls that if they could get sight of his
Hymn Book, that would unravel the mys-
tery. Old woman and daughters proceeded
to examine his saddle-bags with all possible
dispatch. Out tumbled newspapers, dirty-
shirts and books, each volume carefully
scrutinized. At last, a bright-eyed girl ex-
claimed, "I've got it! I've got it!" holding
up a quart whiskey bottle; "he's a hard
shell Baptist."

DIVORCES IN CANADA.—The luxury of a
divorce is so expensive in Canada, that none
but the wealthy can indulge in it. The con-
sequence is, that the restive victims of ill-
starred marriages, who cannot afford to pay
\$2,000 for relief, are compelled to "grin and
bear it," or resort to the States for a dissolution
of the irksome tie. The courts of the
border counties in New York are driving
quite a stiff business in converting the mar-
riage relations of the Queen's subjects into
their original elements.

A friend of Cuvier's once took the horns
and hoofs of an ox, and approached the bed-
side of the great naturalist, and awaking him
from a sound sleep, announced himself as the
devil, who had come to eat him up. Cuvier
rubbed his eyes, and glanced at the nonde-
script from horns to hoof, when he lay down,
and quietly remarked, "Horns—hoofs—
grammivorous—eat grass—can't come it—go
away."

ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES.—The
London correspondent of the *New York
Herald* is informed that the manufacturing
interest of the north of England intends to
convene two great national meetings at Liver-
pool and Manchester, to denounce the be-
ligerent policy of Lord Palmerston, and to
express for the United States those senti-
ments of respect and regard which feeling
and interest alike dictate.

THE YOUNG LADIES SHORT CATECHISM.—
What is the whole duty of woman?—To
dress, to sing, to dance, to play on the piano-
forte, to gabble French or German, and to
preside gracefully at the tea table? What is
a Man?—A thing to waltz with, to flirt with,
to take one to the theatre, to laugh at, to be
married to, to pay one's bills—and to keep
one comfortably! What is life?—A polka!
a schottische, a dance that one must whirl
through as fast as possible. What is death?
—H'm, something that it's unfashionable to
talk of, to think of, to whisper of; so the less
that's said about it the better.

FIRST CHURCH IN KANSAS.—It is now a
settled matter that the first church erected
in Kansas will be under the auspices of the
Unitarians. The sum of \$5,000 has been
raised in the denomination for the purpose,
and the agent is now on his way to the Ter-
ritory to superintend the work. A gentle-
man of Boston has subscribed \$250 to pro-
cure a bell, on the condition that a clock
should be placed in the tower.

DURING the search "instituted" by the ed-
itor of the *Newark Times* for female compos-
itors, it is reported that the following dia-
logue took place:

"Good morning, Mr. Henpeck, have you
any daughters that would make good type-
setters?"
Henpeck—"No; but I've got a wife that
would make a very fine "devil."

BLANKETING COWS.—A correspondent of
the *Rural Intelligencer*, who has been travel-
ling through Holland, says:

"Great care is taken of their cows, both
in the winter and in the summer; and in a
lowly, wet day, you will see the cows in the
field covered with blankets; ay, even more
commonly than a horse is blanketed here in
winter. This care is well repaid by a great
flow of milk and a less consumption of for-
age."

Mr. E. K. Collins and Mrs. Wm. B. Astor
are among the late converts to Spiritualism
in New York. The former imagines he has
communications from his family, lost in the
Arctic, very often. The Association for the
diffusion of Spiritual knowledge count on
being greatly aided by wealth and influence.

It is said that the Sultan rewards Pelissier
for the Mallakoff, a lifetime annuity of two
hundred thousand francs! He pays the same
to the widow of St. Arnaud, for the victory
of the Alma.

We learn from the London (C. W.) pa-
pers, that the Galt Branch of the Great
Western Railway has been extended to Pres-
ton, some four miles from Galt, and that
trains have commenced running regularly
since Monday last.